

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1. (Original) An automotive interior component for a passenger cabin of a vehicle, comprising:

a polymer body adapted to be attached to a portion of the passenger cabin; and

an electroluminescent lamp integrally molded with said polymer body to define a unitary assembly.

2. (Currently Amended) An automotive interior component for a vehicle door, comprising:

a door trim panel capable of being mounted to the vehicle door, said door trim panel including an opening;

a bolster engaged with said door panel to conceal said opening; and

an electroluminescent lamp mounted to said bolster, said electroluminescent lamp emitting visible light, when powered, that illuminates at least a portion of said door trim panel, wherein said bolster and said electroluminescent lamp are integrally molded to define a unitary construction.

3. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 2 wherein said bolster is removable from said trim panel to expose said opening.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 2 further comprising:

a covering attached to said bolster, said covering positioned relative to said electroluminescent lamp such that visible light emitted by said electroluminescent lamp is directed through said covering.

6. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 5 wherein said covering includes a plurality of openings through which visible light from said electroluminescent lamp is transmitted.

7. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 6 wherein said openings have a shape recognizable as a symbol by an occupant of the vehicle to which the vehicle door is attached.

8. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 7 wherein said openings are arranged to form at least one alphanumeric character.

9. (Original) The automotive interior component of claim 5 wherein said covering is a solid layer configured for changing a color of the visible light emitted by said electroluminescent lamp.

10. (Original) A method of making an automotive interior component in a mold with mold sections that form a mold cavity with a geometrical shape resembling the automotive interior component and a gate for filling the mold cavity, comprising:
- placing an electroluminescent lamp between the mold sections;
 - closing the mold sections and injecting a molten polymer resin through the gate to fill a portion of the mold cavity unfilled by the electroluminescent lamp; and
 - opening the mold sections after the molten polymer resin solidifies and ejecting the automotive interior component from the mold.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
- shaping the automotive interior component after ejection from the mold to define a final geometrical shape.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the automotive interior component is a bolster for mounting to a door trim panel, and the geometrical shape of the mold cavity resembles the bolster.